


ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

October 18, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17 OF THE 2004 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: October 18, 2004, 3PM - The state averaged 3 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 7% short, 63% adequate and 29% surplus. Rain fell across the majority of the state Monday and Tuesday, and again on Thursday.

CROPS: Wet conditions prevailed throughout the week, limiting field work. The much needed rain slowed harvest for most crops, but improved soil moisture for wheat planting. Rice farmers with rice still in the field were able to harvest some of the remaining crop, however cotton and soybean harvest virtually came to a stop in some areas. High input costs and late planting conditions are reported to have deterred some farmers from planting wheat.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are in overall good condition. Pasture conditions continue to improve with the fall showers. Weaning, culling and vaccination are under way. Bangs vaccination and horn fly clinics are being planned for November.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SOYBEANS									
Yellowing	94	91	90	87					
Shedding	89	82	74	81					
Matured	79	70	60	n/a					
Harvested	60	55	41	44					
SORGHUM									
Harvested	99	95	99	99					
COTTON					0	1	18	41	40
Open Bolls	99	98	92	98					
Harvested	49	43	43	57					
RICE									
Harvested	97	90	95	95					
WHEAT									
Planted	11	7	30	23					
Emerged	3	1	13	8					
PASTURE & RANGE					10	25	39	21	5

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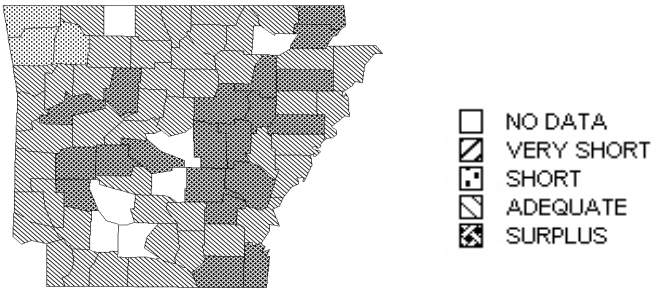
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 17, 2004. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall reported at most reporting stations. El Dorado and Eudora recorded the high temperature of 85^o and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 34^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 2.10 inches at Conway to 0.00 inches at El Dorado and Hope.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 17, 2004

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING OCT 17	CURR OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JAN-SEP	
							2004	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	73	35	-5	0.41	1.67	3.74	35.73	34.34
Harrison	70	38	-6	0.66	4.49	3.50	26.82	33.11
2 Calico Rock	72	33	-5	1.30	5.83	3.61	27.49	33.45
Gilbert	72	34	-6	0.94	7.84	3.39	29.27	32.33
Greers Ferry	71	38	-4	1.27	6.21	4.21	34.71	36.25
Mountain Home	70	39	-6	1.58	6.52	3.14	33.16	32.84
3 Batesville	72	36	-4	1.00	5.09	4.00	34.96	34.03
Jonesboro	69	41	-4	1.60	2.98	3.89	34.13	33.02
Keiser	73	38	-1	0.75	3.05	3.38	35.67	36.75
Newport	71	40	-4	1.47	4.16	3.67	28.57	34.86
4 Booneville	75	38	-7	0.34	5.31	3.90	30.78	34.54
Clarksville	73	40	-4	0.52	6.25	4.13	38.50	33.41
Dardanelle	74	38	-5	0.60	6.12	4.19	27.53	34.74
Ft. Smith	76	40	-4	0.25	3.09	3.94	34.90	31.74
Mena	74	35	-6	0.19	5.38	5.68	34.56	41.81
Ozark	71	36	-7	0.36	5.42	3.91	37.93	32.33
5 Conway	74	40	-4	2.10	6.70	4.03	29.62	34.61
Hot Springs	73	37	-7	0.83	6.74	5.21	37.54	40.99
Little Rock	74	40	-5	0.56	4.85	4.25	34.07	36.24
N Little Rock	73	44	-5	1.09	5.67	3.81	32.08	35.11
6 Brinkley	73	42	-3	0.38	3.87	3.58	31.76	36.10
Marianna	74	39	-5	0.25	1.63	3.79	34.00	38.37
Stuttgart	78	39	-4	0.15	4.13	3.83	39.73	39.73
7 Hope	80	38	-4	0.00	3.91	4.54	36.42	39.00
Texarkana	82	45	-3	0.10	2.80	3.87	32.28	33.34
8 Camden	83	39	-2	0.01	5.81	4.42	43.51	38.32
El Dorado	85	39	-2	0.00	7.09	4.33	47.91	40.18
Warren	81	39	-2	0.07	6.44	4.53	50.26	40.39
9 Eudora	85	43	-1	0.03	8.19	3.93	42.07	41.56
Pine Bluff	76	42	-2	0.07	4.41	4.49	39.00	37.71
Rohwer	80	40	-2	0.01	7.26	3.38	37.41	37.61